



ACADEMIC
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Cultural Introduction to Italy: Pre-Departure Preparation & Logistics

1-week, 3-credit, traveling Field Learning course – Florence University of the Arts

This course can be taken in conjunction with the following ASA Florence program options:

- **Spring II or Fall II** - You'll start the semester with a 3-week long course of your choosing at Florence University of the Arts, followed by the Cultural Introduction to Italy travel and field learning course, followed by the 11-week semester

Pre-departure Preparation:

- Mandatory assigned reading prior to arrival in Rome – you will be assessed on these readings on arrival day
- An introductory Skype call with the course instructor – this call will make sure you have all the necessary information for the Field Learning week; give you more details and useful tips about the Field Learning travel week; and answer any questions you may have.
- Bring comfortable, flat shoes, and be prepared to do a lot of walking! Some of the tours (especially in Rome) are up to 3 hours, so be prepared for extensive walking.

Course Assessment:

- Assessment on the pre-departure readings on the day of arrival
- 1 daily assignment to be completed during the daily cultural recap sessions
- Reflection journal to be submitted and an oral presentation to be given on the last day
- Post Field Learning experience will include writing a final paper and taking a final exam

Travel:

- If you sign up for **Spring II or Fall II**, the Cultural Introduction to Italy week-long course will take place about 4 weeks after you've already arrived in Florence and started your semester program. Transportation to Rome, where you will begin the Cultural Introduction to Italy course, is the student's responsibility. You will travel by train from Florence to Rome with the professor and other students in the CII course. You will be given detailed travel instructions prior to the course start date.